

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA**

**IN RE: CENTURYLINK SALES
PRACTICES AND SECURITIES
LITIGATION**

This Document Relates to:

Civil Action No. 18-296 (MJD/KMM)

MDL No. 17-2795 (MJD/KMM)

**DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO
DISMISS UNDER RULE 12(b)(6)**

Defendants CenturyLink, Inc., Glen F. Post, III, R. Stewart Ewing, Jr., David D. Cole, Karen Puckett, Dean J. Douglas, and G. Clay Bailey, through undersigned counsel, hereby move this Court pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 12(b)(6) and Local Rule 7.1 for an Order dismissing Plaintiffs' claims (the "Motion"). This Motion is based upon all the files, records, and proceedings in this matter, including the memorandum of law and all declarations and exhibits thereto that will be filed and served in accordance with Local Rule 7.1, and the arguments of counsel.

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